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EXDIS HANDLE AS NODIS, FOR AMBASSADORS FROM MOOSE

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE STOPS AFTER FUNERAL BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE

1. IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED TO ME THAT I CONSIDER MAKING A STOP IN ADDIS ABABA AFTER THE KENYATTA FUNERAL. THE PURPOSE OF THE STOP, IN PARTICULAR, WOULD BE TO MEET WITH MENGISTU TO TRY TO RESOLVE THE COMPENSATION ISSUE. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MEET, OF COURSE, WITH ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS. THE STOP WOULD BE BRIEF, ONLY A DAY OR SO, SEPTEMBER 1 AND 2.

2. WHETHER TO STOP IN ETHIOPIA WILL DEPEND TO A CONSIDER-

ABLE EXTENT ON HOW OUR MEETING WITH ADDOU GOES ON
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AUGUST 28. IN OUR REVISED TALKING POINTS, AS A FALL BACK POSITION, WE ARE CONSIDERING OFFERING THAT I MEET SIAD IN EUROPE OR ELSEWHERE AT A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT SPOT. IF THE SOMALIS REACT TO THAT OFFER POSITIVELY AND QUICKLY, WE COULD BE NEGOTIATING A TIME AND PLACE WITH THEM

POSSIBLY AS EARLY AS LATE NEXT WEEK. IF THAT WERE SO,

THEN PRESUMABLY THE SOMALIS WOULD HAVE LESS REASON TO REACT HARSHLY TO MY MAKING A BRIEF STOP IN ADDIS ABABA AFTER THE FUNERAL.

3. ON THE OTHER HAND, ESPECIALLY IF WE HAVE NOT YET HAD A REACTION FROM THE SOMALIS, IT MIGHT MAKE MORE SENSE TO VISIT MOGADISCIO FIRST AND THEN, IF POSSIBLE, STOP IN ADDIS ABABA ON MY RETURN TO WASHINGTON. THE STOP IN MOGADISCIO WOULD SEEMINGLY HELP MEET SIAD'S DESIRE FOR A VISIBLE POLITICAL EXPRESSION OF OUR CONTINUING INTEREST IN SOMALIA'S ANTI-SOVIET POSTURE.

4. I WOULD LIKE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE YOUR REACTION TO THESE PROPOSALS, WITHOUT CONTACTING LOCAL OFFICIALS. CHRISTOPHER

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